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Subject: Comment Opposing Deregulation of Radio Frequency Allocations (GN Docket No. 25-133)

To the Commissioners:

You requested comment on general proposals to identify "unnecessary regulatory burdens" within the Commission's authority. Please accept my comments as a United States citizen and an amateur radio licensee.

As experts on communications and the electromagnetic spectrum ("the Spectrum"), the Commission is aware that the Spectrum is a geophysical natural phenomenon that encompasses the entire world without respect to human activity or political borders. The Spectrum is a natural resource that we have used productively for more than a century.

Regulation of Spectrum use is ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY for that productive use. Without borders or careful allocation of Spectrum, its many bandwidths and frequencies would be chaotic, unpredictable, and unavailable for commercial or private benefit. This is the reason that Congress created the Federal Communications Commission in the first place. The Commission has successfully managed the Spectrum for the United States in a even-handed and beneficial manner. This regulation supported economic growth in the United States and still does.

In recent years the Commission has taken a lighter approach with regulation, creating the opportunity for self-regulation of many uses. In Amateur Radio, the FCC has establishes basic ground rules and licensing administration then delegates much of the "regulation" to the Ham Radio community. Where in the past the Commission monitored the airwaves for malicious or illegal conduct, the ground rules are now primarily enforced by Spectrum users themselves. When the FCC does become involved with enforcement, it is usually because a radio user created dangerous situations. For example:

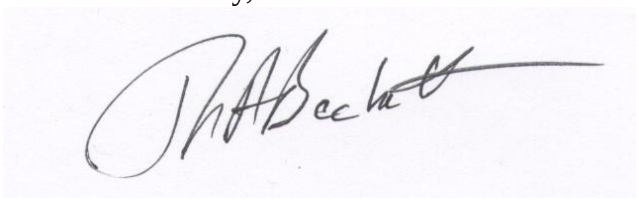
- Earlier this year the FCC fined a licensee for "willfully and repeatedly operating a radio station without authorization and interfering with the radio communications of the United States Forest Service." Specifically the licensee interfered with radio communications between the Forest Services and forest fire fighting aircraft.
- Just this month, unauthorized transmissions interfered with air traffic control at the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport (CVG). The as-yet unknown person issued commands to airline pilots in impersonation of FAA ground control.

The Commission holds an essential role in such cases and many more.

The Federal Communications Commission must continue its regulatory role to ensure equitable and beneficial access to and use of the Spectrum. FCC regulations are not “unnecessarily burdensome” and should be fine-tuned, not “deleted.”

Thank you for your kind attention to my comment.

Sincerely,



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